

MINUTES OF SPECIAL STUDY MEETING – AUGUST 7, 2008

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THE CITY COUNCIL MET IN SPECIAL STUDY SESSION ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2008, AT 4:14 P.M., IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM, WEST VALLEY CITY HALL, 3600 CONSTITUTION BOULEVARD, WEST VALLEY CITY, UTAH. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR NORDFELT.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:

Dennis J. Nordfelt
Russ Brooks
Carolynn Burt
Joel Coleman
Corey Rushton
Steve Vincent

Wayne Pyle, City Manager
Sheri McKendrick, City Recorder

ABSENT:

Mike Winder

STAFF PRESENT:

Jake Arslanian

1. **MID-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE**

City Manager, Wayne Pyle, stated this would be a continuation of the strategic planning process as previously requested by the City Council. Mr. Pyle advised that accomplishments achieved in the year just completed would be reviewed. He discussed the importance of confirming the Council's awareness and understanding of the Strategic Plan, as well as the format and inclusion in the budget document. He also recommended discussion of objectives and challenges of the upcoming year, including receiving input from the City Council. Mr. Pyle recommended this not be an opportunity for a "second bite of the apple" in an attempt to make significant changes at this time, as staff was already well into the process for the current year.

City Manager, Wayne Pyle, used PowerPoint and discussed information summarized as follows:

- Review of goals, action items and benchmarking process
- Observations and lessons learned by department heads and staff
- Budget message including Strategic Plan objectives as defined by City Council, along with goals and department action items

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- Report on focus, efforts and improvements regarding the objectives in year just ended, current year and next year
- Overall comments regarding the entire City. The City was urbanized; however, not everyone looked at it that way. Cited an example of discussion during a Planning Commission meeting regarding the General Plan. Discussed transportation needs; service levels and demands; managing growth; quality of life issues housing.

During the above presentation, City Manager, Wayne Pyle, answered questions from members of the City Council.

Members of the City Council requested some of the above information be included in the annual report to citizens each year as the City needed to “tell our story” to citizens to increase awareness of progress, projects and programs. Councilmembers also discussed the need to implement a request/complaint tracking system on the City’s website. Some members of the Council suggested approaching businesses housed in older buildings to determine if there would be interest to move to newer buildings in the City Center area. Some members expressed concerns regarding the proposed Southwest EDA (Economic Development Area) and that some portion of property in that area might be better suited to residential rather than commercial. Some members of the Council questioned whether certain programs run by the Parks and Recreation Department should be turned over to and run by Salt Lake County, which could be a considerable cost savings to the City.

The City Council expressed appreciation to City Manager, Wayne Pyle, for the update and above information, and stated the City was headed in the right direction, but still had a ways to go.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE WEST VALLEY CITY COUNCIL, THE SPECIAL STUDY MEETING OF THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2008, WAS ADJOURNED AT 5:47 P.M., BY MAYOR NORDFELT.

I hereby certify that the foregoing to be a true, accurate and complete record of the proceedings of the Special Study Meeting of the West Valley City Council held Tuesday, August 8, 2008.

Sheri McKendrick, MMC
City Recorder